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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

1. Claim Amendments

Claims 23-25, 27-33 and 35-44 are pending in the application. Favorable reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

2. Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

Claims 23-26, 29-34, 37-39, 41-44 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kuhn, US Patent No. 6,961,567 (Kuhn) and further in view of Allor, US Patent Application No. 2003/0226102 (Allor). Claims 26 and 34 have been canceled, rendering the rejection of those claims moot. The elements of Claims 26 and 34 have been incorporated into claims 23 and 32 respectively. Further, claims 23, 27, 32, 35, 37-41 and 43-44 have been amended to further distinguish the claims from Kuhn and Allor. Specifically, the term "modifying" has been replaced with the term "extending". Support for this amendment can be found throughout the Specification, including in the Abstract and paragraphs [0012] and [0013]. This amendment clearly distinguishes the present invention from the combination of Kuhn and Allor.

Kuhn is conceptually different from the present invention in that Kuhn describes a plug-in for replacing technologies for example from GSM to CDMA, etc. In contrast, in the present invention a plug-in is used to extend services provided by the platform, more specifically by the software services component. This conceptual difference necessitates implementation differences. For example, in Kuhn the interface is constant while in the present invention the interface can be extended for a seamless user interface for services. Furthermore, Kuhn is applicable in the lower layers (e.g., the physical layer) while the present invention provides a method for extending services which are present in the higher layers. This is clear from page 10 of the present application which provides: "The layers of the software services component 22 include an application service layer 80 to provide application services..."

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Finally, the application domain software of the present invention is different from the functionality which is replaced in Kuhn. In the description of the present application "application software" as used therein is any software that provides the functionality that users may wish to have available. This clearly refers to application domain software that resides in the higher layer services. Allor fails to overcome the deficiencies of Kuhn.

Claims 27-28, 35-36, and 40 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kuhn and Allor, and further in view of Stewart et al, US Pub N: 2001/0039570 (hereinafter Stewart). Claims 23 (from which claims 27-28 depend), 27, 32 (from which claims 35-36 and 40 depend), 35, and 40 have been amended to further distinguish the claims from Kuhn, Allor and Stewart. Each of claims 27-28, 35-36 and 40 depend, directly or indirectly from amended claims 23 or 32 and recited additional limitations with such claims. For the reasons set forth above, the combination of Kuhn, Allor and Stewart fail to disclose or suggest the invention as claimed in claims 27-28, 35-36, and 40.

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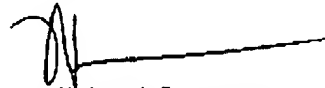
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CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing remarks, the Applicants believe all of the claims currently pending in the Application to be in a condition for allowance. The Applicants, therefore, respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw all rejections and issue a Notice of Allowance for claims 23-25, 27-33 and 35-44.

The Applicants request a telephonic interview if the Examiner has any questions or requires any additional information that would further or expedite the prosecution of the Application.

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